

In the Claims

1. (Currently amended) Stretch film comprising a base consisting of a film material;
a multitude of holes, said holes being formed in the base in several rows
extending in parallel to each other and in a main direction; further comprising
at least one layer of reinforcing strips consisting of a film material and extending
in the main direction wherein said at least one layer of strips is attached to the base
between the rows of holes and wherein respective pairs of adjacent strips are disposed on
both sides of a row of holes, said at least one layer of strips being devoid of said holes;
wherein the width of at least a part of the separation between the respective
adjacent pairs of the strips extending in transverse direction in relation to the main
direction, is dimensioned such that the strips each reach up to the rows of holes
adjacent to said strips to define between said respective pairs of adjacent strips a fixed
width for said holes extending in the transverse direction, wherein said holes maintain
said fixed width when said stretch film is stretched in the main direction for preventing
the development of tears in the film material and for preventing the spreading of such
tears;
wherein the strips are generally even, but at least without wrinkles
and folds; and
wherein each hole is surrounded by a bead having a thickness that exceeds a
thickness of the base.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) Stretch film according to Claim 1, wherein several layers of strips are attached to the base one above the other and that the strips that are arranged one above the other each comprise the same width.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) Stretch film according to Claim 1, wherein the strips are attached to the base or the associated strip carrying said strips by adhesion.
6. (Original) Stretch film according to Claim 1, wherein the strips are applied without sealing or bonding.
7. (Original) Stretch film according to Claim 1, wherein the holes can be made by utilizing a thermal irradiation method without touching the base.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Original) Stretch film according to Claim 1, wherein the holes of neighboring rows of holes are staggered in relation to the main direction.
10. (Original) Stretch film according to Claim 1, wherein the base is prestretched together with the strips.
11. (Previously presented) Stretch film according to Claim 1, wherein the width of each row of holes is equal to the diameter of said holes.
12. (Currently amended) Stretch film according to Claim 1, wherein a single row of holes is located between said respective pairs of adjacent strips ~~at least one layer of strips~~, wherein said holes in each of said rows are aligned linearly.
13. (Currently amended) Stretch film comprising:
a base comprising stretchable plastic material and having a thickness;

a multitude of base holes in said base, said base holes being formed in the base in several rows extending in parallel to each other and in a main direction, said respective base holes being surrounded by a bead having a thickness exceeding the thickness of said base;

at least one layer of strips made of a film material and extending in the main direction along said base, wherein said at least one layer of strips is attached to the base between the rows of base holes and wherein respective pairs of adjacent strips are disposed on both sides of a row of holes, said at least one layer of strips being devoid of holes in said respective strips;

wherein the width of at least a part of the separation between the respective adjacent pairs of strips extending in transverse direction in relation to the main direction, is dimensioned such that the respective pairs of strips each reach up to the rows of base holes adjacent to said strips to define between said respective pairs of adjacent strips a fixed width for said holes extending in the transverse direction, wherein said holes maintain said fixed width when said stretch film is stretched in the main direction for preventing the development of tears in the film material and for preventing the spreading of such tears;

said strips abutting said base evenly and being devoid of wrinkles, folds and curls for enabling said strips to spread stresses developed in said film material when said film material is stretched to prevent tears from developing and spreading.

14. (New) Stretch film comprising a base consisting of a film material;

a multitude of holes, said holes being formed in the base in several rows

extending in parallel to each other and in a main direction;

said stretch film further comprising:

at least two layers of reinforcing strips consisting of a film material

and extending in the main direction wherein said at least two layers of

strips are attached to the base one above the other between the rows of

holes, wherein said at least two layers of strips are only attached to the

base and to each other at their major planar faces and wherein respective

pairs of adjacent strips are disposed on both sides of a row of holes, said at

least two layers of strips being devoid of said holes;

wherein the width of at least a part of the separation between the respective adjacent pairs of strips extending in transverse direction in relation to the main direction, is dimensioned such that the strips each reach up to the rows of holes adjacent to said strips to define between said respective pairs of adjacent strips a fixed width for said holes extending in the transverse direction, wherein said holes maintain said fixed width when said stretch film is stretched in the main direction for preventing the development of tears in the film material and for preventing the spreading of such tears;

wherein the strips are generally even, but at least without wrinkles and folds; and

wherein each hole is surrounded by a bead having a thickness that exceeds a thickness of the base.

15. (New) Stretch film according to Claim 14, wherein the strips are attached to the base or the associated strip carrying said strips by adhesion.

16. (New) Stretch film according to Claim 14, wherein the strips are applied without sealing or bonding.

17. (New) Stretch film according to Claim 14, wherein the holes of neighboring rows of holes are staggered in relation to the main direction.

18. (New) Stretch film according to Claim 14, wherein the base is prestretched together with the strips.

19. (New) Stretch film according to Claim 14, wherein the width of each row of holes is equal to the diameter of said holes.

20. (New) Stretch film according to Claim 14, wherein a single row of holes is located between said respective pairs of adjacent strips, wherein said holes in each of said rows are aligned linearly.